

# OCEAN COUNTY Recycling Guide 2023



Keep Ocean County clean,  
reduce, reuse, recycle!



# Recycling News



Dear Residents,

We all have a role in preserving the environment, and Ocean County makes every effort to provide convenient programs allowing each of us to participate.

This guide will help you navigate Ocean County's recycling programs. Two County-operated recycling centers, and numerous municipal centers, provide convenient locations for residents to drop off old paint, plastic lawn furniture, and electronics. To learn more about our recycling program, view a calendar of special events, and access our most up-to-date recycling information, you may visit our website [co.ocean.nj.us/recycle](http://co.ocean.nj.us/recycle) and social media pages [@ocreecycles](https://www.facebook.com/ocreecycles).

It is with great pleasure that I join with my colleagues on the Board of Commissioners in presenting to you the annual Ocean County Recycling Guide. With your help, Ocean County will continue to be a true leader in recycling and sustainability.

Barbara Jo Crea Commissioner Liaison  
Ocean County Board of Commissioners

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**Ocean County Department of Solid Waste Management**  
For questions contact us at [ocreecycles@co.ocean.nj.us](mailto:ocreecycles@co.ocean.nj.us)  
or call 732-506-5047



# Ocean County Recycling Centers

## Recyclables Drop-Off

Visit our curbside recyclables station at both centers **Mon-Sat 7 am to 7 pm.**

**NRC** 601 New Hampshire Ave. Lakewood.

**SRC** 379 Haywood Rd. Manahawkin.



## Special Waste Drop-Off

Bring your paint, electronics, motor oil, and many other materials (see page 5) to our special waste buildings. Services Available **Mon-Sat 7:30 am to 3:00 pm**

## Brush & Leaves Disposal

Accepted at our recycling centers, residents can come visit both locations

**NRC** 535 South Oberlin Ave. Lakewood

**SRC** 379 Haywood Rd. Manahawkin

**Mon-Sat 7:30 am to 3:00 pm**



## Free Garden Products

We produce top quality compost and mulch at our facilities, made from resident's brush & leaves. No weeds or construction waste is ever used.

# Ocean County Curbside Recycling Guide



## **CARDBOARD**

Do not tie

## **GLASS**

Bottles & Jars

## **METAL CANS**

Aluminum & Steel  
food containers  
+ Aluminum Foil



## **PAPER**

Not shredded

## **PLASTIC**

**ONLY** clean  
#1, #2, & #5  
Lids/Caps ON

**Not on list? Don't put in bin!**

**DON'T BAG MATERIALS**

**Clean & Dry Materials ONLY**



**Rechargeable batteries via drop-off  
only, they are a fire hazard in your bin**



Alkaline batteries can go in regular garbage

# Curbside pick up and municipal programs

Contact Your Town's Recycling Coordinator

Barnegat	609-698-0080
Barnegat Light	609-494-9196
Bay Head	732-899-6782
Beach Haven	609-492-2525
Beachwood	732-286-6010
Berkeley	732-341-1022
Brick	732-451-4066
Eagleswood	609-296-3040
Harvey Cedars	609-494-6905
Island Heights	732-270-6424
Jackson	732-928-1311
Lacey	609-693-1100
Lakehurst	732-657-9797
Lakewood	732-905-3405
Lavallette	732-793-7766
Little Egg Harbor	609-296-3600
Long Beach	609-361-6676
Manchester	732-350-4382
Mantoloking	732-475-6983
Ocean	609-693-3302
Ocean Gate	732-269-3166
Pine Beach	732-349-6425
Plumsted	609-758-2241
Point Pleasant	732-892-1287
Point Pleasant Beach	732-892-1118
Seaside Heights	732-793-0313
Seaside Park	732-793-5100
Ship Bottom	609-494-2171
South Toms River	732-349-0403
Stafford	609-597-1000
Surf City	609-494-2400
Toms River	732-255-1000
Tuckerton	609-296-5058



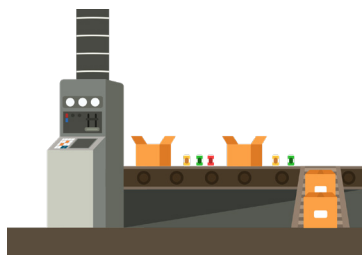
# The Journey of Your Recyclables



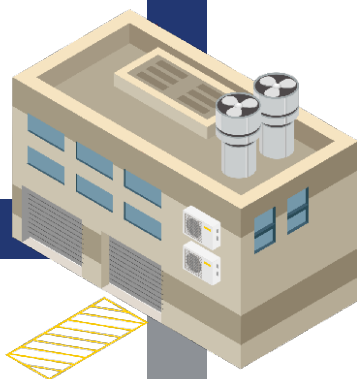
After you place your recyclables at the curb.



Your municipality provides transportation to our Recycling Centers.



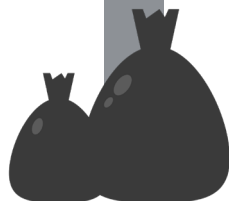
We sort your materials and market them.



Non-recyclable items are sent to the landfill, at higher costs; items may contaminate clean recyclables and damage equipment.



Manufacturers around the world transform your waste into new products.





# Special Waste Drop-off

**Northern (NRC)** 601 New Hampshire Ave. Lakewood, NJ 08701

**Southern (SRC)** 379 Haywood Rd. Manahawkin, NJ 08050

**Mon-Sat 7:30 am to 3:00 pm**

Antifreeze

Batteries (Auto & Rechargeable)

Boat Shrink Wrap

Books

Brush & Leaves

Cooking Oil

Electronics (Phones, Computers & TVs)

Fluorescent & LED Bulbs

Inkjet/Laser Cartridges

Motor Oil & Filters

Paint Cans (Steel ONLY)

Paint (latex, oil, spray)

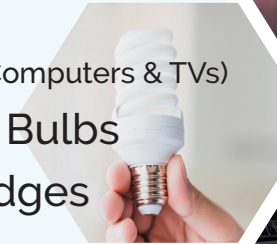
Rigid Plastic

Shredded Paper

Textiles (Donation Bins)

Thermostats (Mercury)

Tires (Fee May Apply)



**NEVER in Curbside Recycling**

Contact your local DPW, some accept these items.

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# Paint Disposal Program

Latex, Oil, Boat  
& Spray Paint

Accepted Daily  
Mon-Sat 7:30 am to 3 pm

Special Waste Drop-off at the  
Northern & Southern  
Recycling Centers



**No need to wait for a  
Household Hazardous Waste event!**

20 gallons per day per person. NO stains, polyurethanes or  
varnishes (take to Household Hazardous Waste events).

**Dried up paint can be disposed with regular trash**

**The following towns provide this service  
for their residents**

Berkeley	732-349-4616
Brick	732-451-4060
Lacey	609-693-1100 x2301
Little Egg Harbor	609-296-5760
Pt. Pleasant Beach	732-892-1118
Seaside Park	732-793-5100 x303
Toms River	732-255-1000 x8103
Tuckerton	609-296-5058



**Spray Paint ONLY at the  
County's Recycling Centers**

**No businesses or contractors!**





# Document Shredding

Safely shred confidential documents

Events during Spring & Fall

Schedule available at [co.ocean.nj.us/recycle](https://co.ocean.nj.us/recycle)



OPEN TO ALL RESIDENTS & TAXPAYERS

Paper **ONLY** - 5 File boxes max.  
Reusable containers welcome.  
**NO BLACK PLASTIC BAGS!**

Events open for allotted  
time or until truck fills.

**NO**

Batteries and electronics are a FIRE hazard.  
Books, Junk Mail, Greeting Cards, Photos, X-Rays, CDs.



## Household Hazardous Waste

Dates and registration at [co.ocean.nj.us/recycle](https://co.ocean.nj.us/recycle)

Registration Required

### DO BRING

AEROSOLS  
AUTO PRODUCTS  
CLEANING PRODUCTS  
POOL CHEMICALS  
FIRE EXTINGUISHERS  
GASOLINE  
HERBICIDES/PESTICIDES  
MERCURY-CONTAINING DEVICES  
PAINT/THINNERS  
POLYURETHANES/POLISHES  
PROPANE TANKS  
STAINS/VARNISHES

### DO NOT BRING

ASBESTOS  
\* BATTERIES  
CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS  
CYLINDERS (INCLUDES OXYGEN TANKS)  
\* ELECTRONICS  
EXPLOSIVES (INCLUDES BOAT FLARES)  
INFECTIOUS WASTE  
\* FLUORESCENT AND BULBS  
MEDICATIONS/SYRINGES  
RADIOACTIVE MATERIALS  
SMOKE DETECTORS  
UNIDENTIFIABLE CHEMICALS

\* Materials accepted in our special waste program see page 5.



Limit 20 gallons liquid & 200 lbs. dry materials.  
Proof of residency required: Driver's license or tax bill.

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# Brush & Leaves Disposal

**Northern (NRC)** 535 South Oberlin Avenue, Lakewood, NJ  
**Southern (SRC)** 379 Haywood Rd. Manahawkin, NJ

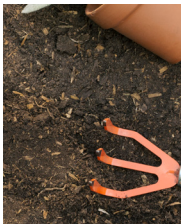


**Brush** Less than 4 inch diameter  
**Leaves** Unbagged Leaves ONLY

**No weeds, invasive species like bamboo, or anything with roots.**

Many municipal sites offer this service, contact your DPW.

# Free Garden Products

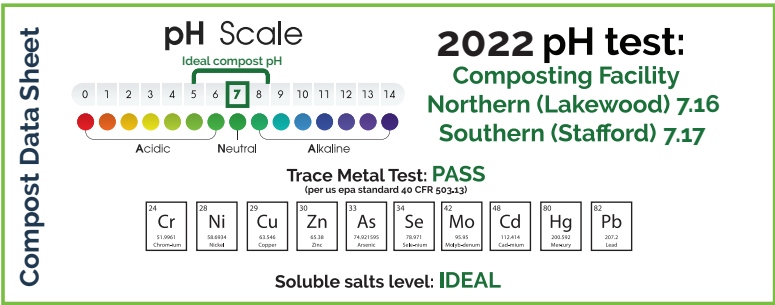


**Finished Leaf Compost**  
A great choice for intensively planted flower, shrub and vegetable beds. Compost adds organic matter back to the soil faster than mulch. Ideal to use during Spring.



**Single Ground Mulch**  
Excellent for walkways or garden beds, great weed suppression and moisture retention.

**Double Ground Mulch**  
Perfect for garden beds, finer mulch.



# Volunteering Opportunities

## Compost: Food Waste

Annual class trains volunteers to promote the benefits of composting, recycling and sustainability through education and public outreach.



## Clean-ups

The Ocean County Clean Communities Program supports volunteer groups by providing training and supplies for beach and open spaces clean-ups.

## Art: Recycling Containers

Bring art and sustainability together, our recycling Igloos are in over 120 locations around Ocean County. Get a chance to feature your artwork and help recycle!



# Education Programs

Our outreach team can support your education programs with materials and presentations on topics related to pollution, recycling, composting, waste reduction and other sustainability topics.

**Visit our website to request presentations, order recycling decals, recycling guides, composting guides, and more!**  
**For more information email**  
**[ocrecycles@co.ocean.nj.us](mailto:ocrecycles@co.ocean.nj.us)**



# What to do with

## Button (Coin) Batteries

Used for Hearing Aids, Glucose Meter, Thermometers, Scales & other devices.



**Tape the ends before dropping off at**  
**Northern (NRC) 601 New Hampshire Ave. Lakewood**  
**Southern (SRC) 379 Haywood Rd. Stafford**  
**Mon-Sat from 7:30 am to 3:00 pm.**



**Bin Fire Hazard - Recycle via drop off ONLY**

## Needle & Syringe Disposal

### Community Medical Center

99 Rt 37 W, Toms River 732-557-8000 ext-18005

### Monmouth Medical Center

600 River Ave, Lakewood 732-363-1900 ext 24689

### Ocean Medical Center

425 Jack Martin Blvd, Brick 732-836-4297

### Southern Ocean Medical Center

1140 Rte 72 W, Manahawkin 609-597-6011

**More information: [ochd.org](http://ochd.org)**

## Medication Expired or Unused

**24/7 DROP-OFF BOXES AT  
MOST POLICE DEPARTMENTS**



Help prevent poisoning, and misuse in your community.



**Disposing of medications down the drain or toilet,  
contaminates the water supply.**



# Medical Waste

## Mobility Aids & Equipment



Goodwill accepts walkers, canes, wheelchairs, bathing aides, & more

**Brick** - (732) 477-1059

**Bayville** - (732) 269-2902

**Point Pleasant** - (856)-439-0200

**Toms River** - (856) 439-0200

For full list visit [goodwillnj.org](http://goodwillnj.org)

## Oxygen Tanks

Should be disposed through the company it was purchased or received from.

You could also take the valve off (if empty ONLY) and recycle at a local scrap metal yard.

**Oxygen Supply Co. - Toms River** (732) 281-2990

**Industrial Welding Supply -Lakewood** (732) 367-7100

**Atlas Welding Supply Co. - Lakewood** (732)363-1148

**TriState Recycling - Beachwood** - (732) 286-6358

## X-rays

Did you know? X-rays contain Silver, a finite resource, recycling them helps reduce mining it & protects the environment.



**Monmouth Wire** 732-922-3320  
[computerreclamation.com](http://computerreclamation.com)

If your municipality uses Monmouth Wire Xrays can be dropped off inside the Electronics Waste bin.

# How to get rid of

## Appliances

**Dispose of non-working appliances as scrap metal**

**Appliance Recycling Program.** Rebate for working refrigerators, freezers, AC Units & dehumidifiers. FREE Pick-Up.

Schedule an appointment at [arcaincutility.com/NJ](http://arcaincutility.com/NJ) or contact your energy provider

Atlantic City Electric Customers 866-353-0007

JCPL Customers 1-800-662-3115

## Bulky Waste (Furniture) & Construction

1. Donate or sell items in good condition

Habitat for Humanity will pick up 2 or more items for free  
[nohfh.com/restore](http://nohfh.com/restore)

2. Some municipalities offer bulk pick-up.

3. Ocean County Landfill.

Located at 2498 Rt 70 Manchester, NJ. Call 732-323-8528

## Flags

If you'd like assistance on proper flag disposal contact your local VFW (The Veterans of Foreign Wars) or the American Legion, find a drop off near you at their website.

## Mattresses

Dispose with Bulk waste

Recycling options at [byebyemattress.com](http://byebyemattress.com) for a fee.

## Plastic bags, film, and wrap

Most retailers have a plastic bag drop off bin.

E.g. Target, Kohls, Lowes, Home Depot, etc.

Find a location near you at [plasticfilmrecycling.org](http://plasticfilmrecycling.org)



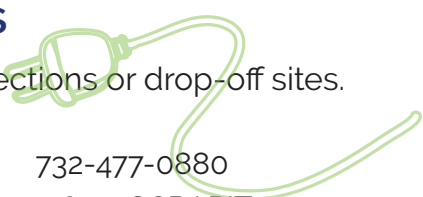
# Unwanted Items

## Propane Tanks

Hardware stores will exchange empty propane tanks for filled tanks. Call 1-800-258-7466 or go to **BlueRhino.com**

## Scrap Metal & Wires

Some municipalities have collections or drop-off sites. Or call a private facility:



Brick Recycling, Brick	732-477-0880
Eastern Metal Recycling, Bayville	1-800-SCRAPIT
Price Auto Recycler's, New Egypt	609-758-8035
Sonny's Recycling, Waretown	609-971-7788
Tri-State Recycling, Toms River	732-286-6358

## Toys

Second Chance Toys run events for Earth Day & Christmas with local organizations. For drop off locations visit **secondchancetoys.org**

Hasbro, VTech® & LeapFrog®  
Learn more at **terracycle.com**

Stuffed animals - Helpsy bins **helpsy.co/find-a-bin**

## Towels & Bedding

Used items are accepted at Animal Shelters.

### Northern Animal Facility

615 Freemont Ave, Jackson

732-657-8086 [nocaf@achd.org](mailto:nocaf@achd.org)

### Southern Animal Facility

360 Haywood Rd Manahawkin

609-978-0127 [socaf@achd.org](mailto:socaf@achd.org)

**Download the Recycle Coach App  
for more items and disposal options**



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A message from the Ocean County  
Board of Commissioners.

**Be Shore to Recycle Right!**

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